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Germany is indicted but is reluctant to plead guilty.

There was too much grieving over Grieve and his companion, it seems.

There is only one Memorial day in the year. Let's make the most of the event next Friday.

If the peace terms imposed on Austria are carried out, Austria will be able to put out no more than a line of skirmishers in battle formation.

Sergeant Alvin C. York was no more impressed by the "big guns" in Washington than he was by the German army, a large section of which he tackled single-handed. Sergeant York was not stampeded by either.

The American who gave \$750,000—half his fortune—to the Methodist centenary fund cloaks his identity in anonymity, which is a wise procedure if he desires to escape the importunings of countless drives, both organized and individual. Once a man of such a generous nature as that gets into the limelight, there is no rest for him until the grave closes over him.

If the United States declines to act as mandatory to countries in the far eastern world it would not be surprising or unreasonable either, because the United States is so far away from the country under the mandate that the effect would be more or less nullified in spite of the fact that the United States is looked upon as a great and powerful nation. It would seem that those far eastern countries could be better administered by some nations lying geographically closer to them.

All but the "regulars" will be home from Europe by the latter part of June, it is announced. Those who may feel that a sufficient force of Americans will not be left in Germany, basing the opinion on the size of the United States regular army prior to the war, need not be unduly alarmed because the regular army as now constituted is a vastly larger army than the entire standing army of the United States prior to 1917—probably three times as large. It is probable that no less than 300,000 men will be left in Europe until such time as Germany gives evidence of meeting the terms of the peace treaty, if not of having received a change of heart. With France and Great Britain maintaining forces even larger than that, there will be quite a sizeable police force in Germany to keep things moving as they should.

The time spent by German leaders in protesting that Germany cannot fulfill the terms of the proposed peace treaty might have served profitably in encouraging the people of Germany to the belief that they can accomplish the results asked. At the same time, the German leaders are putting a premium on lack of industry and lack of moral responsibility, not only to the world but to their own government. The fruit of such weakening doctrine of the "We can't" variety is likely to be a lessened output of the German people when they come to the point of shifting for themselves. If they are constantly bombarded with the idea that Germany's industrial and commercial life is of an inferior sort they are likely to get the idea firmly fastened in their heads so that sooner or later they are sure to become obsessed with the thought that Germany is more or less of a backward nation, a thought that will take years of combatting in order to get Germany back among the leaders of the world. Of course, the "We can't" doctrine is done for the special purpose of deluding the allies but it is apt to have a far different result than the German leaders expect.

WOULD WE HAVE USED "LEWISITE"?

That "Lewisite" composition, a gas which was capable of wiping out every living thing in a city the size of Berlin, seems to be too terrible an agency of death to be seriously considered by the United States as a weapon of warfare. It is said that ten airplanes carrying containers of the gas could have bombed the city of Berlin and destroyed even the vegetable life of that whole area, together with all human life and animal life thereon gathered. After such an attack Berlin would have been but a haunted city—stark, staring, empty buildings, nothing more. In the twinkling of an eye, so to speak, a great, busy, bustling metropolis would have been reduced to a vast tomb of dead things. Even New York City with all its teeming life would have been wiped out—so far as existence is concerned—by the single day's output of "Lewisite" from the factory where it was being manufactured in the closing days of the war. The discovery of the deadly poison does credit to the scientific genius of the American mind but the unprovoked use of such an agency of war would have been, we repeat, a disgrace to the United States. We may talk as much as we like to about what sort of fate Germany escaped by signing the armistice on Nov.



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11, 1918, but few among us believe that the "Lewisite" composition would have been resorted to on the initiative of the United States, providing it has the properties of destruction with which it is credited.

THE HAWKER EXPERIMENT AND THE RESCUE.

All that has been said about the foolhardiness of the attempt of Hawker and Grieve to make the crossing of the Atlantic ocean in a light airplane remains in force despite the fact that the daring aviators were rescued and are now safe and well. Their little machine went wrong—the water circulation of the motor, the press reports state—and they were forced to come down in midocean. It so happened that they alighted in the path of a ship and were promptly saved from a watery grave, their machine soon being lost. The next time there might not be a ship handy by so that they would wait in vain for rescue as long as their frail craft remained on top of the water and then they would go down as practically everybody supposed they had perished in their initial flight—all except, perhaps, the little Mrs. Hawker who sat in her home in England and would not give up hope that her husband was still alive. An airplane not fitted with boat attachments such as the seaplanes carry should not be used as a vehicle for trans-Atlantic flight until such time as the airplane's mechanism is perfected far beyond the present stage of efficiency.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that Hawker and Grieve, as well as the other hopeful aspirants for the prize of \$50,000, will not repeat the daring experiment which ended in failure for Hawker and Grieve and which came so near to causing their deaths. Of course, the millions of people who have followed this experiment with intense interest will rejoice in the rescue of the men and they will congratulate especially the brave little woman who never gave up hope. If a non-stop flight of the Atlantic route is

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CURRENT COMMENT

Bicycle Riding on Sidewalks.

The newspapers at Barre and Burlington are voicing complaints of the "sidewalk bicycle fiends." It is doubtful if in any town the regulations prohibiting bicycles from traveling on the sidewalks are held in more indifference than they are in Rutland. They are an unmitigated nuisance. There ought to be at once and periodically examples made of those who disregard the ordinance relating to the practice. If the sidewalks are to be reserved for pedestrians, as they are intended, the price to be paid is everlastingly keeping at those on wheels.—Rutland News.

Thinks There Is "Social Cancer" in Barre

Further developments in the heinous murder of the Broadwell woman at Barre seem to indicate that the official probe is disclosing a social cancer. It is in poor grace for any other community to point the finger of scorn of accusation to Barre, on the ground of the old injunction: Let him who is without sin cast the first stone. It is to be hoped, nevertheless, that much of Barre's rottenness will be eliminated as an incidental outcome of this horrible crime. Meanwhile, it behooves other communities to probe for deadly spots and not wait until they manifest themselves in a similar scandalous way.—Rutland News.

Senator Knox' Vindication.

The dispatches which describe the gratification felt in allied circles over the Chinese consortium, by which the British, French, Japanese and American banking groups agree to help China financially, must be pleasant reading to Senator Knox. As secretary of state in the Taft cabinet, he started in to develop a common-sense relationship between American banking interests and China, and offered to use the good offices of diplomacy to protect the interests of the bankers without, however, involving our government in any financial responsibility. But Bryan, who came into office with President Wilson, would have none of this frank and honest and open relationship of the department of state and the proposed financing of China through the group of foreign and American bankers. Consequently, with that perverse officiousness that was so typically Bryanesque, he upset all of Mr. Knox' plans, threw suspicion on the perfectly honorable arrangement and, in an exhibition of what was virtually puerile spite, used the words "dollar diplomacy" in a derogatory and derogatory sense, as if the bankers and the Taft administration and Senator Knox and the officials of other nations were a lot of cheap bunco-teasers.

Of course, the glorifiers of the Wilson administration gulped down the phrase with avidity, the president accepted the viewpoint of his secretary of state, and it has taken the critical situation developed by the great war to prove how sensible and how safe and reasonable

were the Knox propositions and how soundly American. For now the new consortium is a departure from the method laid down by Secretary Knox, since we have agreed to guarantee the Chinese loans in association with our other allies, a thing which, if Secretary Knox had proposed it in President Taft's time, would have convinced the Democrats that he was absolutely out of his mind. Times change, however, and it is very apparent that Democrats change with them and are not above a Republican idea and also not above giving it an imperialistic twist.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"Don't Shoot the Pianist."

In urging that the president return immediately to the country and call an extra session of Congress, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in session at St. Louis, has displayed a symptom of hysteria.

Our constitution was framed about 70 years before Mr. Wilson was born. By it the president, whoever he may happen to be, becomes the American diplomat. Because the world—of which the United States is an important member—is somewhat tangled, our present chief executive is abroad. He is not "having the time of his life" in Paris. Instead he is struggling with a situation of extreme difficulty—a situation which is, after all, America's affair. The crisis in Europe carried more than 2,000,000 young Americans to France. It put nearly as many into the army in this country. It also materially changed the daily routine of the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The Victory loan now engaging the attention of the merchants and manufacturers of the nation is to be the last payment on the enormous expenditure which had diplomacy in Europe entailed on America. It should not be necessary to spell out the circumstances which have called Mr.

Wilson to Europe, nor the immense importance to America—of his mission there. Such heckling as the resolution passed at St. Louis is not constructive and is unworthy of the presumably responsible men who put it through.

Of course there is to be an extra session of Congress. The financial chaos left by the last Congress makes it inevitable. Mr. Wilson will call it just as soon as he sees the end of his visit to France. He is probably quite as anxious to come home as any exiled doughboy.—Boston Globe.

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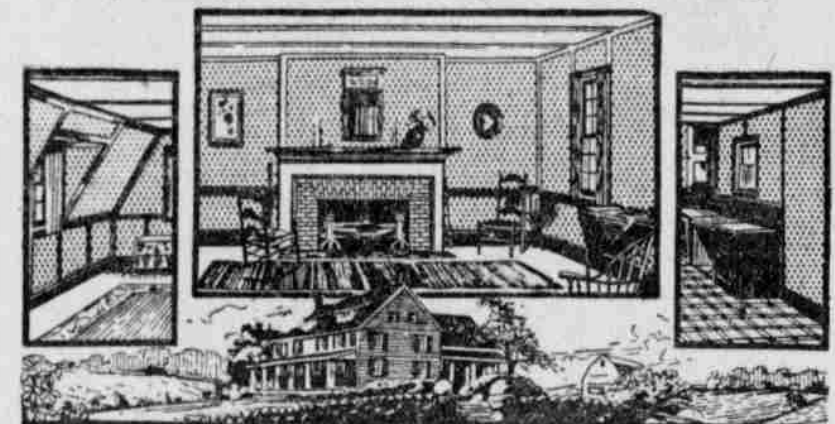
Concluding his discourse the preacher said: "We shall now sing Hymn 343, Hymn 343."
"Line is busy," cried the little telephone girl, waking suddenly out of a doze.—Boston Transcript.

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